

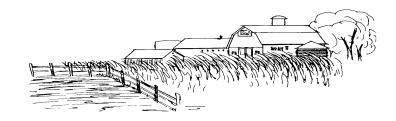
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## Farms and Land in Farms in 2004

**UTAH**: The number of farms in Utah in 2004 is estimated at 15,300, the same as 2003. Land in farms, estimated at 11.6 million acres, was unchanged from the previous year. The average size of farm, at 758 acres, remained the same as 2003.

**UNITED STATES**: The number of farms in the United States in 2004 is estimated at 2.11 million, 0.6 percent fewer than in 2003. Total land in farms, at 936.6 million acres, decreased 2.25 million acres, or 0.2 percent, from 2003. The average farm size was 443 acres in 2004, an increase of 2 acres from the previous year. The decline in the number of farms and land in farms reflects a continuing consolidation in farming operations and transfers of agricultural land to competing uses.

## Number of Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Size Farm 1994-2004 <sup>1</sup>

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	Utah			United States		
Year	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm	Farms	Land in Farms	Average Size Farm
	Number	1,000 Acres	Acres	1,000 Farms	1,000 Acres	Acres
1994	14,500	11,200		2,198	968,845	
1995	15,000	11,400		2,196	962,515	
1996	15,000	11,400		2,191	958,675	
1997	15,000	11,600		2,191	956,010	
1998	15,000	11,600		2,192	953,765	
1999	15,500	11,600	748	2,192	947,440	432
2000	15,500	11,600	748	2,172	943,090	434
2001	15,500	11,600	757	2,149	942,070	438
2002	15,300	11,600	758	2,135	940,300	440
2003	15,300	11,600	758	2,127	938,650	441
2004	15,300	11,600	758	2,113	936,600	443

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.